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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE

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FOR WYROUGH FROM AMBASSADOR BUNKER

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PBOR, PN

SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS: TREATY DRAFTING AND
RELATED MATTERS

REFERENCE: PANAMA 5987

1. IN PARAGRAPH 3(I) OF REFTEL, YOU REPORTED THAT
MINISTER BARLETTA AGAIN RAISED THE MATTER OF THE SUGAR
TARIFF WAIVER. THE FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATE OF THE WAGNER
MEMO. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE FARM BILL WHICH CONGRESS
WILL PASS CONTAINS A PROVISION FOR A DOMESTIC SUPPORT
PRICE OF 13.5 CENTS/LB. THE PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY SIGN
THE BILL. USDA HAS PROPOSED THAT A TARIFF OF AS MUCH AS
4 CENTS/LB. BE IMPOSED TO DEFEND THE DOMESTIC SUPPORT PRICE.

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IF A TARIFF IS IMPOSED, SUGAR COULD BE REMOVED FROM GSP
FOR ALL COUNTRIES, IN WHICH CASE NO WAIVER OF THE TARIFF
FOR PANAMA WOULD BE POSSIBLE. GSP FOR SUGAR COULD ALSO
BE ELIMINATED WHEN AN INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT COMES

INTO EFFECT. THE OUTLOOK FOR THE CONTINUATION OF GSP
FOR SUGAR IS THUS UNCLEAR, THOUGH NO DECISIONS HAVE YET

BEEN MADE.

2. IN LIGHT OF THESE UNCERTAINTIES, YOU SHOULD NOT,
REPEAT NOT, MAKE ANY COMMITMENT TO PANAMA ABOUT THE
WAIVER OF OUR TARIFF FOR PANAMANIAN SUGAR. CHRISTOPHER

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